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SUBJECT: ARMS AGENT'S FEES

THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING NOTE FROM THE MFA:

BEGIN TEXT: NO. 92/4/4/23412/2, DATE: 30/11/1395H (12/3/1975),

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI

ARABIA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY

IN JIDDA, AND IS CONCERNED TO TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING TO THE

ESTEEMED EMBASSY:

"THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA IS VERY KEEN TO IMPLEMENT THE ARMAMENT PROGRAMS FOR THE SAUDI ARABIAN ARMED FORCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EXIGENCIES OF NATIONAL SECURITY. SAUDI LAWS BAN BROKERAGE IN CONTRACTS AND PROHIBIT ILLEGAL PAYMENTS, AND, THEREFORE NO COMPANY UNDER OBLIGATION WITH THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT FOR ANY ARMAMENT OF ACCESSORIES' CONTACT SHALL BE ALLOWED TO PAY ANY COMMISSION TO ANY MIDDLEMAN OR SALES AGENT, REPRESENTATIVE OR BROKER. THIS BAN APPLIES

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IRRESPECTIVE OF THE NATIONALITY OF THE COMPANY, MIDDLEMAN,

SALES AGENT, REPRESENTATIVE, OR BROKER, AND BE THE DEAL BETWEEN THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT AND THE COMPANY DIRECTLY OR THROUGH ANOTHER STATE. NO COMMISSION AGREEMENTS PREVIOUSLY CONCLUDED BY ANY OF THOSE COMPANIES WITH ANY OTHER PARTY SHALL BE CONSIDERED VALID NOR SHALL IT BE BINDING TO THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT. SHOULD A FOREIGN COMPANY BE FOUND COMMITTED TO COMMISSION AGREEMENTS, THE SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD WITHHOLD PAYMENT OF DUE COMMISSIONS AFTER SERVING NOTICE, AND COMMISSIONS WOULD BE DEDUCTED FROM THE CONTRACT'S GROSS VALUE FOR THE ACCOUNT OF THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT."

THE MINISTRY, THEREFORE, REQUESTS THE ESTEEMED EMBASSY TO NOTIFY THE FOREGOING TO THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY IN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, AND TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS ITS BEST WISHES. END TEXT.
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